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APPLICANT: Young-Ro Byun et al. EXAMINER: R. Cook  
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FOR: CONTROLLED DRUG RELEASE SYSTEM OF RETENOIC ACID

THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
WASHINGTON, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Applicants are in receipt of the Office action dates July 30, 2002. Please amend the  
above identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly amend the paragraph starting at page 1, line 3, as follows:

The present invention relates to a controlled drug release system in which a certain ratio of retinoic acid (herein after referred to as "RA") is incorporated into a microsphere comprising biodegradable polymer and amphiphilic copolymer having both hydrophilic and hydrophobic groups.

Kindly amend the paragraph starting at page 2, line 9, as follows:

As another prior art reference for delayed retinoic acid release system, it has been reported that retinoic acid was released over 40 days by incorporating retinoic acid into a microsphere prepared from lactic acid and poly(lactic-co-glycolic acid), (hereinafter referred to as "PLGA") [see, investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science 34, 2743-3751 (1993)]. The system was